THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding signed between BEL, Corning Glass Works, USA and Samtel India for bringing the Taloja project under a joint venture with these qompanies as partners, is under consideration of Government.

(c) The proposal is being considered in the context of the future growth strategies of BEL with the need to concentrate its managerial, financial and technical resources in areas of high technology and professional electronics for defence purposes. It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details at this juncture.

Pact with Bangladesh on Tinbighas

•126. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to scrap Indira-Mujib Pact on Tinbighas; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH); (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement of 1974 meets both India's and Bangladesh's concerns on matters relating to the boundary and to withdraw from it would amount to reneging on an international treaty commitment.

Dam over Barak river of Assam

*127. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state-.

(a) whether any techno-economic study has been conducted for the construction of a dam over Barak river in Assam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES: (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a) and (b) The study covers a 161 Meters high rock-fill dam with 1500 Mega Watt installed capacity at estimated cost of Rs. 1078 crores (1983 prices). The dam will provide other benefits like flood moderation, irrigation and pisciculture.

(c) Final decision will depend on the result of the techno-economic study.

निर्वाचन-आयोग एक बहुसदस्यीय संस्था

*128. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या निर्वाचन-आयोग को बहु-सदस्यीय संस्था बनाने के लिये कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त प्रस्ताव को अभी तक क्रियान्वित न करने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस संबंध में भविष्य में कोई ठोस कदम उठायेगी ; यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्री तथा जल-संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) इस प्रस्ताव पर अभी तक कोई विनिश्चय नहीं किया गया है ।